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- 25X1X 1. It is expected that Czechoslovakia will dissolve many branches of its foreign trade monopolies including Kotva, Omnipol and Chemapol and will make future purchases abroad through private dealers.\* The Czechs will, however, continue to exploit the Austrian contacts of the Czechoslovak Commercial Attaché in Vienna, Bohumil Svoda. These include Zima, representative of Poldi, Bienert and Benjamin Cesunko, representatives of Czechglas\*\* and Keramika and the firm of Erlcom.\*\*\*
2. Josef Turek of Omnipol and Svoda recently arranged the purchase of industrial diamonds believed to originate either in Brazil or South Africa.

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25X1A \* Comment: In paragraph 6 of [REDACTED] a different source reported that all the Czech foreign trade monopolies would be liquidated at the end of 1951 and that their duties would be assumed by an office of the Ministry of Foreign Trade in January 1952.

25X1A \*\* Comment: This may be Glasexport.

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